

Request for Clarification and Response

1. The RFP states:

The Board anticipates submitting any executed contract to the Legislative Oversight Review Committee (LCRC) for approval by the deadline for July's Contract Review Meeting (on **July 3, 2014, 1:00 pm**). As such, any awarded contract must be executed by ABPP and the successful vendor by **June 18th, 2014**, and all requisite forms and documentation must be received by the Board, **before 3:30 pm on Monday, June 23, 2014** for timely submission of the contract to the LCRC.

Each agency has different procurement procedures, can you help me interpret the following statement in the RFP? Are you stating ABPP will execute a contract in June which is binding and procure the software, or does it first have to be approved by the LCRC before the contract is binding and ABPP procures the software, and the purchase will take place in July?

We intend to negotiate a contract with the successful vendor, execute it in June between the parties, then state law requires us to send professional service contract through our state LCRC, then the Governor's office to be fully effective (legally binding) contractual agreements. The agency and the vendor would first negotiate terms and partially execute the contract (by June 23) before sending it to LCRC for the July 3 meeting. It usually takes another week or so before the Governor's approval is obtained. It is important to note that the LCRC does have the ability to hold a contract for up to 45 days, which could impact the time line. There should not be a separate bid process for software. The Board reserves the right to make no contract award.